

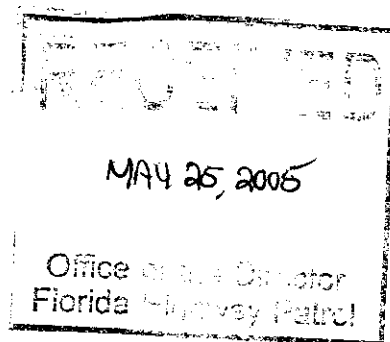


State of Florida
DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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Executive Director

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Colonel Christopher Knight, Director
Florida Highway Patrol
2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Colonel Knight:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to four members of the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP). On Monday, May 23, 2005, I had the opportunity to ride along with one of your employees, Trooper Michael Stallworth as part of my Management Fellows placement. In addition, I observed and interacted with other members of his squad, Trooper Mike Rudd, Trooper Brannon Snead and Sergeant Bill Martinez.

Our day started at 6 a.m. with a ride on Interstate 10 in search of disabled vehicles. While on the Interstate, Trooper Stallworth stopped two speeding vehicles and issued tickets/warnings to the drivers using the laptop computer installed in his squad car. We then moved to State Road 61 where Trooper Stallworth and I met the rest of the squad to include Sergeant Martinez. These troopers successfully demonstrated the use of radar and a laser gun to capture speeders.

Trooper Stallworth allowed me to get hands-on experience by encouraging me to enter required information into the computer that generates the tickets/warnings. He was able to answer every question I posed and was sincerely interested in helping me understand the Patrol. In addition, I was very impressed with Trooper Stallworth's professionalism when dealing with the public. Although I worked more closely with Trooper Stallworth, I also witnessed this professionalism in his co-workers.

Over lunch, the troopers shared a few of their experiences with the Patrol. We laughed at the antics of Trooper Mike Rudd and talked seriously about other aspects of the job.

These troopers are courteous, professional and provide Florida citizens and visitors a great service by making our highways safe. I extend my appreciation to you, Trooper Michael Stallworth and the rest of the squad for allowing me an opportunity I will never forget.

Sincerely,

Julie W. Comer, Assistant Chief
Bureau of Titles and Registrations
Division of Motor Vehicles

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